

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 5040

Engel *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1617

Appln. No.: 09/523,455

Examiner: S.A. Jiang

Filed: March 10, 2000

Title: Method for a Programmed Controlled Ovarian Stimulation Protocol

August 2, 2004

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION OF OCTOBER 1, 2003

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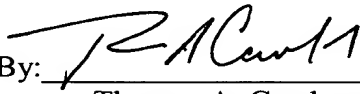
Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are being filed concurrently herewith. Following the issuance of the official action dated October 1, 2003, a Notice of Appeal was timely filed on December 31, 2003 for claims having been twice rejected. The applicants request that the arguments filed May 19, 2003 be incorporated by reference in the present response. This response and the supplemental information disclosure statement accompanying a RCE is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for extension of time in the fifth (5) month and requisite fee.

CONCLUSION

If any point remains in issue which the examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Response to Official Action Of October 1, 2003
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
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